

NEWS FROM ALL OVER IMPERIAL MISSOURI

Interesting Happenings Which Have Taken Place
In the Greatest State in the Union

The Product of the Scissors, the Pen and a Very
Little Actual Labor

The Farman Forum last week was sold by Harry Curry and La D. Locke to H. G. Thompson of Sioux Falls, Ia.

One candidate for supreme judge is, or at least was, very. While crossing Grand river a few days ago he fell off the wagon taking him over and got mowed.

"Alec" mounted the Brookfield Argus, an unfortunate thing about these frequent falls is that the parent's neck has to be shaved so much oftener than in normal times.

About four years ago M. C. Ferrell, Jr., lost the diamond setting out of a ring. One day last week under a piece of entering in the yard, his father found the ring. And now Mrs. Ferrell, Jr., is wearing a new diamond, the gift of her husband.

"This last week," states the Langdon Free Lance in the Tarkio Avalanche, "it not only rained on the just and unjust alike, but after it got through with them it rained just any old place."

A Maryville man woke up the other night to find a burglar leaning over him. "Sit and you are a dead man," he hissed, "I am desperate and I am looking for money." "Just a minute, brother," he said, "and I will get up and help you."

"I was never more embarrassed in my life," exclaimed the sweet young thing. "As I was coming down the street today my shoe strings became untied and as I stooped over to tie them a gust of wind raised my puff and exposed almost the whole of one of my ears."—Clarksville Journal.

Mrs. Kate A. Roberts, ninety-three years old, died Saturday at the home of her son, J. E. Roberts in Platte City. She was born in Pennsylvania, came to Missouri with her parents sixty-four years ago. She is survived by three sons, one daughter, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

After reading tales of so many serious motor car accidents it is a novelty to see in the Excelsior Springs Call that Miss Lucille Thacker, living on route 1, was injured one night recently while returning from church, when the horse which Ray Russell was driving ran away.

Noting that a skull half an inch thick recently found in Arizona was to be sent to Washington, the Triph Herald does not think this will particularly interest Washington in view of the thick skulls from elsewhere that are being constantly sent.

This must be Higginsville's lucky month. Besides being one of the fortunate towns adjacent to the designated

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ed state road between Kansas City and St. Louis, it decided to have a "white way" to brighten up a number of corners. Work will begin on this improvement in thirty days.

"At San Antonio," says the Bethany Republican, "they have discovered that bats eat mosquitoes and now they have municipal bat roosts to lessen malaria. We quote this information for the benefit of those who sleep on sleeping porches."

August 10 is the date set for the big Boone and Callaway county picnic and a location a quarter of a mile north of Millersburg has been chosen. It will be a regular, old-fashioned Missouri picnic with baskets, but there will also be barbecued beef, mutton and pork for those who wish it.

There is a gentleman named George Gould. He is in control of a few paltry dollars that he has amassed by the hard work and frugal living of his father, but his chief claim to recognition, in the eyes of the Springfield Leader, is that he is the man who put the Missouri Pacific into Springfield.

"You can now buy little aluminum things called to insert in the ends of a roasting ear, thus doing away with the usual case of butter fingers," announces the Lowry City Independent. "Well buttered cheeks and chin are still fashionable in roasting ear time, however." And "watermelon" is still eaten in the good old way.

"Capt. Henry Thomas, who operates a ferry at Waverly, has donated \$250 toward a bridge at that place," relates the Carrollton Republican Record. "In other words, he believes so strongly in the need of a bridge that he is willing to pay to put his ferry which is a good one, out of business."

"Just to show how it pays to advertise," says the Gentryville correspondent in the Albany Ledger, "some few weeks ago I had an item about some women friends gathering nine gallons of gooseberries in one day here and they received a letter from relatives in Oklahoma they had not heard from in years, wanting some berries."

If you don't want to work these hot days, Chillicothe is a bad place to get stranded in just now. According to the Constitution, when two young men tourists traveling from the Pacific coast to Illinois became stranded and water-bound in town recently, they were given jobs on the levee, being pressed into service by flood conditions.

The recent floods proved costly to Booneville. The entire second pier of the new bridge in course of construction there was washed away, the loss being estimated at \$10,000. It was washed down with more than 55 tons but floated a mile down the river and landed on a sandbar.

Theodore Gary, chairman of the state highway commission, issues a timely warning that some limit must be put on the size of loads to be carried by private trucks over state roads. Certainly no private transportation company is going to look after the state funds, but all will recognize the injustice of being made to use them property and to pay for their upkeep in proportion to the use they make of them.

According to the Kirksville Express, Mrs. Wayne Ward of near Troy Mills was picking blackberries one day recently when she felt what she thought was a bee sting her ankle. She paid no attention to the sting until she was taken violently ill a number of hours later. After a rush to a hospital for midnight treatment, it was discovered that the "bee" was a snake, evidently.

The Bethany Republican has unearthed a real grievance. Somebody in town is selling postcard scenes of Bethany which do the town a great injustice. Worse than that, tourists are buying them and sending them back home. "One of them," complains the Republican, "is a picture of Oakland avenue, taken before it was paved and shows the street in a deplorable condition. This street has been paved several years and is now one of the nicest looking ones in town. Another

shows the southwest corner of the square before the Barlow building was built, that corner in the picture being occupied by an old frame building. It is from such cards as these that the friends of tourists back home are getting their impressions of Bethany."

A story for today: The children were discussing the political leanings of their parents. One said her father was a progressive. Another thought that her mother called herself a "forward-looking republican." A third little lady seemed a bit confused. "I don't know what my papa is," she said, "but from the way he talks I think he is a down-hearted republican."

Dr. N. R. Rodes of Mexico, one of the leading nature students in the state, has discovered a pair of whip-poorwill very much at home and busy raising a family in the business section there. Dr. Rodes says that this is the first time he has ever heard of one of these birds being found anywhere near a town, and that they seldom are found away from the darkest parts of the woods.

Postmaster W. S. Dray and mail carrier W. D. Munshaw have had vacations from their regular official duties the past week and instead of going to some summer resort, they chopped wood and prepared for themselves a supply of wood for the winter. The outcome of the coal strike will have no terrors for them either way and these two men cannot be classed with the unprepared nor the foolish virgins.—Savannah Reporter.

Carrollton reports a chump snorer in the shape of a farm hand, who snores so loudly that he frightens the horses. During a recent snowstorm, snatched near a hedge beside the road, his snoring was so thunderous that neighbors driving to town were forced to alight from their wagons and wake the sleeping man before they could get their horses to pass the spot whence came the terrific sound.

The Hale Hustler-Leader tells of a secondary excitement that occurred during a fire in a business building in Hale. "Water," it says, "was passed up a ladder in front of the Slater building by four persons and the buckets were dropped to Cecil Erick. The signals got mixed some way and the result is Cecil has a very large mouth and two loose teeth."

Evidently even the lightning likes its little joke now and then. According to the Clark Chronicle a bolt recently came down the flue of Dave Gruglin's home during a storm, knocking the stop out into the dining room and filling the room with soot. The family, in the kitchen at the time, were considerably shaken up but beyond that little damage was done.

"How to get a crowd out to see anything in St. Joseph has long puzzled purveyors of commercial amusement," notes the Gazetteer in the St. Joseph Gazette. "They might take a tip from the fact that from ten to fifteen thousand people traveled out to 102 river last week to see a few hundred thousand gallons of dirty water that had got loose from its regular traffic way."

"Eldon business men have adopted an effective plan for keeping the streets clean," reports the Windsor Review. "On Tuesdays and Fridays each business house sweeps the dust, paper and rubbish in front of its premises to the middle of the street. The street commissioner then carts it away. In dull hours this gives employment to the clerks who, of course, are wild for the job."

When John Wheeler, Sr.'s mother, Mrs. H. E. Wheeler, of Hopkins, and his two sisters, Mrs. Jake Robbins of Hopkins and Mrs. Ewing of Cresco, Iowa, with their seven children, drove over from Hopkins last Sunday for a little surprise visit, they brought together ten cousins who had never before seen one another. The natural good time that was to have been expected from this circumstance was added to by the fact that nine of the ten are pianists of ability and therefore got acquainted in a hurry.—Tarkio Avalanche.

It is said one big improvement always brings another to a town. Carthage would seem to bear this out. Last winter its fine new hotel was opened and last Wednesday a \$75,000 theater followed. Carthage has been without a theater for eight years since the Grand was burned and the new theater will assure the presentation of first-class attractions. The theater is of brick, is fireproof and seats one thousand.

Sixty-six head of cattle on the Bibby ranch died between Sunday night and Tuesday noon. Death was at first thought to be due to eating green

cockle burrs, but when the stomachs of the dead animals were opened no cockle burrs were found. It is now thought that mouldy grass was the cause. The cattle were pasturing in the bottom, which was recently overflooded, and the grass was found to be extremely mouldy. One steer belonging to W. R. Linville and sons was included in the number that died.—Skidmore News.

A terrible accident occurred in the northeast corner of Atchison township. Mrs. Everett Lasley was fixing a fire to make some ice cream and the fire being low, she poured some coal oil on the fire when it exploded and set fire to her clothing, also to the house, and before the folks, who were all out in the yard, could rescue her, she was burned so bad that she died that evening. Her husband and brother, in trying to rescue her, were badly burned. The house and contents were entirely destroyed. The deceased leaves a husband and one child, father and mother, three brothers and two sisters to mourn her death.—Clearmont News.

John Hutchins, a farmer residing three miles west of West Plains, was tried by a jury Tuesday morning and acquitted of the charge of criminal libel. Hutchins was charged with leaving a bundle of switches at the gate of Ex Riley, his neighbor. Officers who investigated the affair after the switches were left at Riley's gate found that one of the switches matched a freshly cut sprout on the farm of Hutchins. A note left with the switches was signed "Vigilance Committee" and warned Riley "to close his trap."

Louis Wodge, president of the Missouri Writers Guild, has announced that the guild will hold its annual fall outing at Wildwood Springs in Crawford county, near Steelville. The last few days in September and the first few days in October is the time chosen, when the Ozarks are at their best. A number of celebrated writers are expected for a week's frolic, with an editor or two thrown in. Missouri writers and near writers can get all necessary data by addressing P. Casper Harvey of Liberty, who is secretary and treasurer of the guild.

Four well known young people of Salisbury met a most tragic death Saturday afternoon near that place. Misses Stevie Brockman, Velma Stegling, Hazel Sears of Prairie Hill and a Miss Sears of Kansas City in company with Fred Collett and William Gardner drove out to the new Charlton ditch, six miles north of Salisbury close to the Charlton river, to go swimming. Miss Brockman and Miss Stegling stepped out into water over their heads and went down several times. Collett and Gardner made desperate attempts to save the two girls and in so doing all four persons lost their lives. The two Miss Sears were nearly frantic. They walked more than a mile and a half in order to reach the closest telephone.

Here's some real news from the Ozarks from the Howell County Gazette: "There is the finest crop of peaches in the Koshkonong-Brandsville peach belt in years. Many of the peaches are already as big as a hen's egg and taking on a yellow color. Fruit that has been sprayed is going to be large and fancy. There are no worms in the peaches this year and there has been just enough rain so far to give them that delicious flavor which makes the Ozark peach like unto the nectar of the gods. The first car lot shipments of Elbertas will go out about August 1 and shipments continue for ten days."

"The 21st of July was the anniversary of an unusual event that occurred in the Macon Chronicle-Herald. 'It reports the Macon Chronicle-Herald. 'It was Governor Dockery's official call on the people of the state to meet at their respective places of worship on Sunday, July 21, and pray for rain to break the great drought. The move was started at Macon by the Rev. George W. Sharp. A general commendation of the move by religious bodies all over the state followed and the governor issued the proclamation in accordance with the petition presented. Missouri crops were in a bad way, at the time. Corn was shriveling up, there was almost no water in ponds and streams. Evidently the prayers were not heard, as no rain fell for more than four months, to speak of, and crop and cattle losses were tremendous."

A Chillicothe paper insists that a storm can swim. It produces evidence as follows: At 8 o'clock Friday night Dr. N. W. Dowell received a call from the flooded district west of the city, stating that a work was floundering in that vicinity, looking for a suitable location to place the package it carried. Dr. and Mrs. Dowell hopped into their car and started for the Jack

Davis farm, about four miles out. At three miles out they were met by a boat in which they rowed about a mile and a half to the house. Chaining the boat to a bedpost in the house, Dr. Dowell found on the bed, that had been blocked up about a foot out of the water, a ten pound baby girl born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lamp. The proud parents of the new babe gave the doctor the honor of naming the youngster and after some thought he decided on the highly appropriate name of Minnehaha.

TIRED OF TIE UPS
The American People Do Not Want Any More Rail Strikes or Walk-outs.

"The people of the United States are sick and tired of having railway transportation and traffic periodically interrupted by controversies between railway managements and employees." This is the opinion, not of a partisan representative of any special interest, but of a direct representative of the public, the chairman of the Railroad Labor Board, B. W. Hooper, former governor of Tennessee. "It was this feeling which moved Congress to enact the Transportation Act of 1920," Chairman Hooper continued. "The right to strike and tie up a private business is quite a different thing from any supposed right to choke and obstruct the flow of interstate commerce in this vast continental nation. Railway transportation is not a private business. It is essential to the very existence of our republic and to the individual well-being of every citizen."

"I do not hesitate to make the prediction that never again will there be a successful railroad strike of any considerable proportions or importance in this country. The people will not stand for it. Every man concerned in traffic, travel production, every consumer of the necessities of life is absolutely dependent on the uninterrupted and efficient operation of the railways. There must be peace on the railroads. It is evident to every student of the situation that the railway labor organizations have no just cause for serious complaint at the treatment they have received at the hands of federal wage tribunals during the war period and since."

"The wages fixed by the recent decisions of the board will purchase more than the wages received by them prior to the war. In other words, their wages have increased by a greater percentage than has the cost of living. In some instances the increase is strikingly notable."

"With but slight exceptions, the great carriers of the country have paid the wages fixed by the various succeeding government tribunals. Now that the decreases have come, the employees should be good sports and accept the reductions."

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Examination by Addressee Before Acceptance of C. O. D. Parcels Is Prohibited.

Complaints continue to be received that some postmasters accept parcels to be sent C. O. D. bearing labels which state that the parcels may be examined before delivery and payment of the C. O. D. charges, notwithstanding that this has been prohibited from the beginning of the C. O. D. service, and notice to this effect published in each succeeding July Postal Guide since 1913.

In connection with this complaint it has been reported to the department that certain firms or individuals advertise to prospective patrons that their merchandise may be sent by mail C. O. D. with the privilege of examination before acceptance and the payment of the C. O. D. charges. Parcels bearing labels making this misstatement should not be accepted for mailing.

Postmasters are enjoined to report to the third assistant postmaster general, division of registered mail, any parcels coming within their notice bearing labels containing this misstatement, furnishing a description of the parcels; also to report the names of any firms or individuals using such labels or advertising in any newspaper or periodical that the post office department will permit the examination of the contents of any C. O. D. parcel to be made before delivery of the parcels and the payment of the C. O. D. charges by the addressee. If practicable, when making these reports, please furnish a copy of the label or advertisements and the name and date of the publications in which they appear.

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1922), will be sold to the public by the superintendent of documents. The department does not publish a separate parcel post guide, or parcel post maps. The state list of the Postal Guide is now used as a parcel-post guide. Parcel post maps have been superseded by zone keys, which are now used in connection with the state list of the Official Postal Guide in determining parcel post zones and rates. Zone keys are furnished to the Postal Service and to each subscriber to the Guide free of charge. The price of the cloth-bound Guide (1922) has been reduced to 75 cents per copy, and the set of eleven month-ly supplements thereto has been reduced to 25 cents, or a total of \$1 for the Guide and supplements for one year. All subscriptions and remittances for the 1922 edition of the Official Postal Guide should be addressed and made payable to the superintendent of documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. Remittances for subscriptions should be made only by postal money orders. Currency is sent at sender's risk. Postage stamps, foreign money, defaced or smooth coin, will not be accepted. Fred C. Schmohl, a former well known resident of this city, died in Los Angeles Sunday.